

ACCESS TO CHILDRENS HEALTH

INSURANCE PROGRAM

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the Medical Assistance Act to require the Children's Health Insurance Program to contract with ambulatory surgical centers that agree to accept the Children's Health Insurance Program fee schedule reimbursement for services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- beginning July 1, 2008, requires the Children's Health Insurance Program to include an ambulatory surgical center on its provider panel if the ambulatory surgical center meets certain requirements.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-18-12, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:



Section 1. Section **26-18-12** is enacted to read:

26-18-12. Ambulatory surgical centers.

(1) For purposes of this section, "ambulatory surgical center" means an ambulatory surgical facility:

(a) licensed under Chapter 21, Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act;

(b) included on the state Medicaid's fee for service panel; and

(c) willing to accept reimbursement for the Children's Health Insurance Program services at a rate no greater than the reimbursement rates established for the services by the Children's Health Insurance Program fee schedule.

(2) (a) By July 1, 2008, an ambulatory surgical center shall be permitted to qualify as a provider eligible for reimbursement for services provided according to the Children's Health Insurance Program.

(b) If the state has contracted with another entity to arrange for the provision of services for children in the Children's Health Insurance Program, the Children's Health Insurance Program contractee:

(i) shall contract with an ambulatory surgical center that agrees to accept reimbursement for services at the contracted rate or the State's Children's Health Insurance Program fee schedule, whichever is lower; and

(ii) shall refer patients to all the qualified ambulatory surgical centers.

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H.B. 337 - Access to Childrens Health Insurance Program**Fiscal Note**

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will require additional appropriations of approximately \$859,000 in FY 2009 and \$936,000 in FY 2010. The FY 2009 appropriation is \$172,000 General Fund and \$687,000 Federal Funds. The FY 2010 appropriation is \$187,000 General Fund and \$749,000 Federal Funds. Costs in the future may decrease because of potential competition between an increased number of ambulatory surgical center providers.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund, One-Time	\$0	(\$15,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$687,000	\$749,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$859,000	\$936,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Individuals covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program may benefit from the ability to go to other ambulatory surgical centers that are not covered by their current insurance. Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for businesses and local governments.